IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA NORTHERN DIVISION

PROGRESSIVE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, Plaintiff, v.

CAROL THORN, JOLEEN LEEA COLON; **CIVIL ACTION NUMBER:** DALE EUGENE KIRKINDOLL; ELIZABETH

S. KIRKINDOLL; THOMAS HOLT

Defendants.

KIRKINDOLL; JAMES W. GRIFFIN; SANDRA

L. GRIFFIN; PATRICK A. BELT; CHRISTOPHER B. BELT; GENE STEGMAIER; ESTATE OF WILLIAM R

KLAUSS, a deceased minor, LV STABLE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL; DRPT. LAKE REHABILITATION CENTER; BUTLER COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

ANSWER OF DEFENDANTS DALE EUGENE KIRKINDOLL, ELIZABETH S. KIRKINDOLL AND THOMAS HOLT KIRKINDOLL

COME NOW the above referenced Defendants and deny each and every material allegation of Progressive' complaint and demand strict proof thereof.

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Progressive's complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted;

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Progressive has no standing to assert that persons or entities other than those who have filed suit or made a claim have a right to any of the proceeds;

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendant preserves the right to assert other affirmative defenses including claims for attorney fees, costs and interest.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have on this day 25th of August, 2006, served a copy of the foregoing pleading with te Clerk of the Court using the CM/CEF system which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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